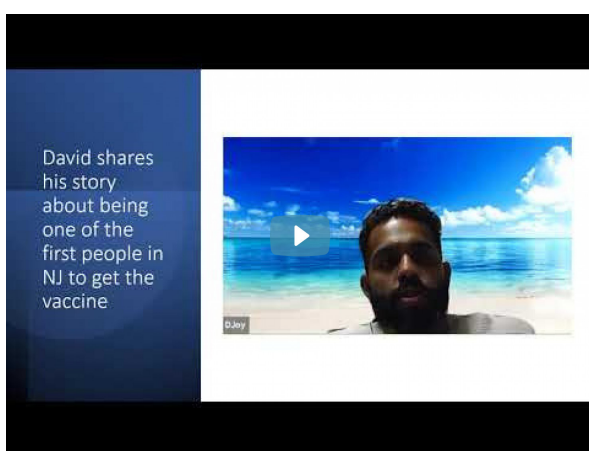




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A Story of Overcoming Vaccine Hesitancy

Over the last ten months, we have been trying to connect with staff who have been hesitant to being vaccinated to find out more about their why. We have tried to provide factual information to address any concerns through the newsletter, virtual forms, surveys and conversations. What we have discovered is that the strongest way to help support someone who is hesitant is to listen and be supportive. We have had some successes! One staff was not going to get the vaccine due to fears of possible side effects in the future. Another staff said that they haven't had COVID-19 yet, so they would take their chances without the vaccine. After speaking to these staff we were able to meet them where they were and help them to address their fears and make the best decision for themselves and others by getting vaccinated! They were encouraged to review factual information, evaluate the risks/benefits and make an informed choice without having to be mandated. These individual conversations have helped and we hope to hear from more of you who might still be hesitant.



Hey CFS! Lets get vaccinated!

Hear from some CFS team members about why they chose to get vaccinated!

[youtu.be](#)

Get Vaccinated Before the Holidays!

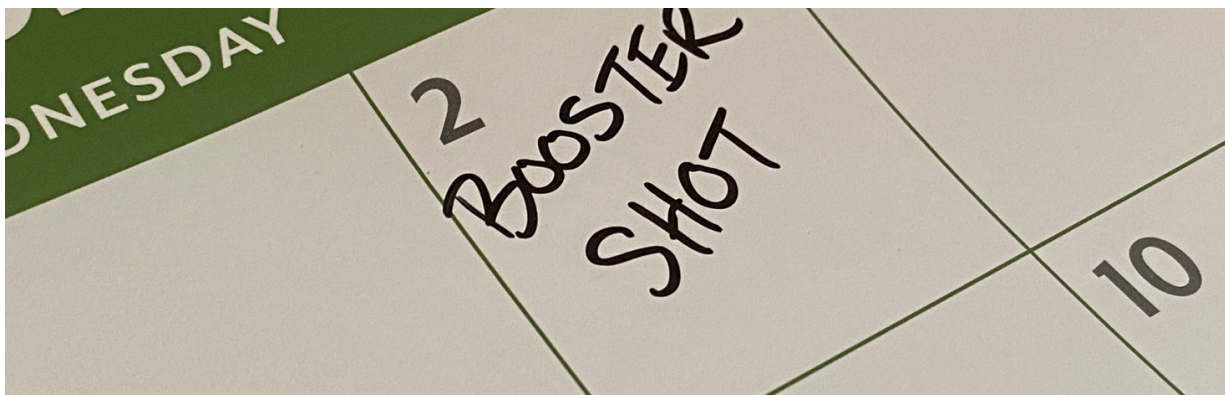


The CDC emphasizes COVID vaccinations as a key to safe holiday gatherings

In the new guidance issued Friday, the CDC says the best way to safely celebrate the holiday season is by being vaccinated (if eligible) against the coronavirus.

[npr.org](#)

COVID-19 Boosters - Have You Had Your Booster?



Click this link to complete a short survey about the booster.

[forms.office.com](#)

In both NY and NJ we are still planning to offer COVID-19 Booster Clinics. If you are interested in having a Booster shot and would like to participate in our Booster Clinic, please let us know. In NY, if interested, email Shyanne Gadson - sgadson@cfsny.org. In NJ, if interested, email Donna Messina dmessina@cfsny.org

However, Booster shots are widely available to those who are eligible including our Direct Support Professional workforce. Click links below to schedule a Booster shot in your community. In NYC if you text your zip code to 438829, you can see vaccine locations in your neighborhood and it even asks you if you want a ride!



NY Booster Doses Appointment Finder

Maximize your protection against COVID-19. Free booster shots are widely available statewide for eligible New Yorkers.

[covid19vaccine.health...](#)



NEW JERSEY COVID-19 Information Hu

NJ Vaccine Appointment Finder (Including Boosters)

Find and schedule a vaccine appointment at New Jersey vaccination locations near you. All individuals aged 12 and older who live, work, or study in New Jersey are eligible for COVID-19 vaccines.

[covid19.nj.gov](#)

COVID-19 Vaccines Are Available for Children Ages 5 to 17! Get Your Child Vaccinated Today!



COVID-19 vaccines for kids: What you need to know

Learn about the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines for kids, the possible side effects, and the benefits of vaccination.

[mayoclinic.org](#)



COVID-19 and kids: How mRNA vaccines work

Vaccination is the best way to protect your child from COVID-19. Learn how mRNA vaccines work like invisible coaches to teach your child's immune system to r...

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We Want to Hear From You!

We want to make sure we are properly counting the numbers of staff who are vaccinated. So if you have been vaccinated make sure to send a copy of your vaccine card to hvacstats@cfsny.org.

As we receive information on additional mandates that will impact our workforce, we will share that information with you. However, in the meantime, join the millions of people and GET VACCINATED.

YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE AND A CHANCE TO WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD



WINNER OF THE \$100 GIFT CARD

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